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Attorney Docket No. 186113/US/2/DJB/VEJ
Attorney Matter No. 469390-00082
Application No. 10/738,438**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-10, 12-26, 35, 36 and 38-41 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 14, 20, 26, 35 and 41 being the independent claims. In the interest of expediting prosecution, claims 11, 27-34 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the subject matter of the amended claims is contained in the application as originally filed. Because the foregoing changes introduce no new matter, their entry is respectfully requested

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 14-26 and 41 are allowable.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-11 and 37-40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 11. Applicants note that dependent claim 11 did not have any intervening claims. As independent claim 1 now includes all of the limitations of allowable claim 11, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is now allowable. As claims 2-10, 12 and 13 depend from amended claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are similarly allowable.

Independent claim 35 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 37. Applicants note that dependent claim 37 did not have any intervening claims. As independent claim 35 now includes all of the limitations of allowable claim 35, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 35 is now allowable. As claims 36 and 38-40 depend from amended claim 35, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are similarly allowable.

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 469390-00082; Docket No. 186113/US/2/DJB/VEJ).

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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